

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-17 and 28-42 are currently pending; claim 5 and 18-27 have been previously canceled without prejudice to filing a continuation application thereon. Claims 14-17 and 38-42 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 43-54 are newly added.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's grant of and participation in an August 29, 2007, telephone interview with the undersigned. During the interview, the undersigned discussed the allowable subject matter with the Examiner and possible amendments to the claims.

Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 29, 33, and 37. In accordance with the Examiner's objections to the claims, Applicants have rewritten claims 29, 33, and 37 as independent claims 52, 53, and 54, respectively. Support for new claims 52, 53, and 54 is found in originally-submitted claims 1, 3, and 10, along with originally-submitted claims 29, 33, and 37, respectively. Support for new claims 43-51 is found in claim 3 as originally filed. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from claim 3. Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found in claim 3 as originally filed. Thus no new matter is added by the present amendments and new claims.

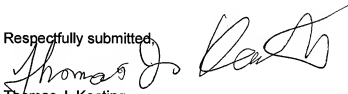
Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-13, 28, 30-32, and 34-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agrawal et al., USP 7,195,872. Applicants traverse the rejection. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate language from claim 3 that the Examiner has indicated is allowable subject matter. In light of the amendments to the claims submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is rendered moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned should further clarification concerning this response be required.

Any fees due in connection with this response will be paid at the time of filing. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 50-0842.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Keating", written over the typed name.

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